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JEANNIE WINS 5th N.A.C. TITLE

Jean Ashworth, Wilmington High School senior swept to her 5th North American Championship at Lake Placid, NY last weekend. In a clean sweep, Jeanie won every heat and every event in which she was entered. It is not known whether any new records are set, until the official timing has been announced, but Wilmington Skating Club officials doubt it, because the rink had been changed in shape, in what is designed to be a new safety feature.



This is the second time that Jeanie has won the North American Intermediate Indoor Girls Championship. She won the same event last year, as well as the Outdoor Championship. In previous years she held the title in the Juvenile and Junior classes.

Mrs. Janet Tighe, previously Senior North American Champion was defeated by Mrs. Pat Underhill, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Mrs. Underhill, 30 years old has been defeated several times in past years by Mrs. Tighe. Mrs. Tighe was reported to be 'out of shape' for the races this year.

The star of the contests was Jackie Walters of Brighton, who recently appeared on the Wilmington rink. Jackie won the Boys Midget Championship. Leo O'Connell 3rd, of Wilmington,

placed third, as did Nancy Weinberg in the Girls class. Mike Weinberg and Clyde McKaba were outclassed. Jackie Ashworth fell and was disqualified. A newcomer to these races was 6 year old Robert Cuoco of Clark Terrace. He had previously appeared only on local rinks.

POLITICS BOOMING IN LAST WEEK OF CAMPAIGN

The dust will settle Saturday, as the voters of Wilmington make the final decision, but meanwhile the candidates and contending factions are busy beating the hustings.

In the past week there have been three well attended rallies, at Hathaway Acres, at the Baldwin Club, and at the VFW Hall. In the first, on Washington's birthday, the meeting was relatively quiet, with only a few points being raised. The Baldwin meeting, Tuesday, was sharper, with questions centering on the School Committee, questions about the 'family allowance' for teachers, and the resignation of Mrs. Gratecyk in the School Committee-Finance Committee information affair.

Last minute reports, before the meeting in the VFW Hall, indicated that some of the candidates intended to 'blow the top off' in that meeting. They were to appear before the members of the Shawsheen Association and their guests.

The two contending factions of the 'Joe Must Go' movement have been more quiet, but there are many rumors about last minute efforts. One well circulated story states that there is to be a torch light parade by the 'Must Go' group Friday night. Both groups are reportedly planning last minute 'flyer' campaigns.

The only visible sign, meanwhile, is a 'Joe Must Go' sign on the car of Gus Cuoco of Shawsheen Street.

INJUNCTIONS ISSUED AGAINST MORAN AND SIDELINKER

The Town of Wilmington, acting through the Town Counsel

and the Building Inspector, has had temporary injunctions issued against Robert Moran, of Lower Main Street, and Talbot Sidelinker, of Glen Road, in Middlesex Superior Court. Both injunctions will be heard Friday morning, the Town Manager, Joseph Courtney, told the Selectmen Monday evening.

The injunction against Moran is a cease and desist order, to prevent Moran from removing gravel from a pit which he controls, in South Wilmington, gravel which has recently been shipped to the U.S. Navy yard. Moran, through his attorney, Timothy Kane of Middlesex Avenue currently has an appeal before the Board of Appeals, for permission to remove gravel to out of town locations, and has also been in correspondence with the Board of Selectmen for a 'gravel permit'.

Two letters, from Kane, read to the Board Monday night, asked for a variety of information, including the names descriptions, etc., of all pits for which licenses or permits have been issued in the past three years, whether or not they have to comply with the present regulations, and a complete list of all requests for permits, which have been made to the Board of Selectmen.

Moran is also facing possible criminal action, charged by the Police Department, as the result of his operations of the gravel pit, Courtney told the Selectmen.

G. Talbot Sidelinker, of Glen Road, has been served with injunctions because of his alleged violations of the Zoning Laws, both on Glen Road and on Marion Street, with reference to kennels which Sidelinker owns, Courtney told the Board. Sidelinker will also have a hearing Friday, in the Middlesex Superior Court.

Other Business Americanization Class

Visitors at the Selectmen's Meeting were Miss Pauline Leiter, teacher of the Americanization Class, in the Practical Arts School, and her 12 students. The most attractive of the class was a young Japanese war bride, Mrs. Sue Stockwell, of Revere St., South Tewksbury. Her Japanese name, before marriage had been Suteko Yamamoro, and she had lived in the city of Bepu, in Japan. She was accompanied by her husband, Frank Stockwell.

Jurors

The name of Mrs. Edith Nitche, of Chestnut Street, was (Continued on Page Seven)

NO CLUES IN \$4400 ROBBERY

Wilmington Police are apparently without clues as to the identity of safe robbers who took a safe from Stevens Market sometime over the weekend, and apparently during the early hours of Monday morning.

Over \$4400 was believed to have been in the safe, part of the proceeds of the previous week, a week marked by monster sales.

The first sign of the robbery was the discovery of an open door, at 3:00 Monday morning, by Officers Leo Markey and Charles Folan of the Wilmington Police. They called Jack Pastor, owner of the store who found a 400 pound safe to be missing. The safe had been rolled out to a side door, and apparently loaded into a truck. Ironically, the safe had been kept in the front of the building as the result of advice of insurance officials. Some persons feel that it might not have attracted attention if it had been in another part of the building.

The safe, abandoned and empty, was discovered in Billerica Monday afternoon, by three boys, Joseph Butler 15, his brother David, 13, both of Cook Avenue, Billerica, and Jeffry Forrest of Lake Street, Wilmington. It was off Cook Street, in a lonely section of road. Cook Street is the continuation of Aldrich Road, and the location where the safe was found was just over the Wilmington line.

Wilmington police have questioned a number of persons, since the robbery. Whether or not they have any clues is a secret they are keeping close to themselves.

WILMINGTON MAN KILLED IN SINGAPORE

Robert Edward Stevens, United States Vice Consul in Singapore was killed, apparently by accident, in a fall, last Saturday, according to a telegram which has been received by his mother, Mrs. John Crowley, Longview Road, North Wilmington. The 30 year old member of the State Department was on his first foreign assignment, one of two years in the Federated Malay States.



Mr. Stevens, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War would have graduated from Northeastern University last June, had he not entered the Diplomatic Corps. A native of Arlington, he had recently completed his three month training course, before being sent overseas.

Surviving are his mother and four sisters, Mrs. Raymond Elliot of Northampton; Mrs. Joseph Rogers of Ipswich; Mrs. Gerald Harnley of Malden and Miss Jane Stevens of North Wilmington.

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TROUT FISHING FOR YOUNGSTERS

We have spoken before, of the unique opportunity Wilmington youngsters have, when it comes to fishing. Only one other community in Massachusetts has the forethought to set aside a stream for the special benefit of the children, when the trout season opens, and that is the town of Westford.

Here in Wilmington a section of Lubber's Brook is set aside for the youngsters, and stocked every spring. To stock that stream costs money. Some has already been provided, but more is needed.

For that purpose, around town in the various stores, there are some Collection Cans marked "Children's Trout Fund". We recommend a contribution from your purse. It is for the children's fun, and what better fun is there than fishing?

Letter to the Editor:

In answer to your latest letter to Patrick Henry I submit the following reply. As you realize this will be the last edition to come before the readers before the Town Elections, I would appreciate an opportunity to make a rebuttal to any comments you may have regarding this present letter.

JOE MUST GO---Vote YES on Question 1, March 3rd

According to the Town's 1956 Budget we are faced with a tax rate of \$73.14 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The TM's recommendations call for a Tax rate of \$59.00 plus an additional \$14.14 to cover special appropriation articles in the Town Warrant if voted by the citizens at the Annual Meeting.

Where and how are the majority of our people going to obtain the money to pay tax rates such as the above?

I've spent some time in obtaining ideas as to the annual income of the average wageearner of Wilmington. Opinion indicates about \$4300. Now let's assume an annual income of \$5000 for a family of four and see what happens to that amount during a year. (1955)

Real Estate Tax-Wilmington-\$10,000 valuation, Assessed \$5000, \$280.00; Land Tax-\$1000 valuation, Assessed \$500, \$28.00; Mortgage (\$8000 assumed) payments at \$65.00 monthly, \$780.00; Insurance on Home-\$52.00; Life Insurance (Income Producer to protect family)-\$200.00; Life Insurance (Other member of Family)-\$60.00; Federal Income Tax-\$416.00; State Income Tax-\$42.50; Hospital Insurance-\$120.00; Electricity at \$10. per month-\$120.00; Telephone at \$8. per month-\$96.00; Heat-\$200.00; Auto maintenance, Gas, oil-\$6. weekly-\$300.00; Auto insurance-100.00; Auto Excise Tax-\$50.00; Clothing (Not well dressed)-\$250.00; Food including milk, eggs and lunches at \$35. weekly-\$1820.00; Social Security-\$100.00---Total \$5014.00

Where the wage earner has already spent more than the income. Where can he find money for other equally important items for LIVING TODAY, such as: Church, Charities, Savings, home Improvement, Vacation, Doctors, medicines, Dentist, Recreation, Xmas Gifts. What happens if he becomes sick, or meets with an accident? What happens if the size of the family increases? What happens to people with fixed retirement income? What about the food item in the case of real large families?

WHERE IS MONEY TO PAY ADDITIONAL TAXES COMING FROM?

Sure, the wage earner may cut down on his insurance! Then something happens-maybe his family becomes dependent on the Town. Maybe he has smaller mortgage payments, but his income is probably lower. Maybe his home is taxed for less but again his income will probably be lower.

Are we going to allow our expenses for operating the Town Hall to continue their rise? In 1950 it cost \$21,900 to operate the Town Hall-for 1956 the TM has asked for \$69,300-an increase of 3 times the amount for 1950 or an increase of \$3.30 on the Tax Rate. Our population has not increased that much and the type of services performed in the Town Hall remains the same to the taxpayers as in 1950. True, the rank and file who do the work in the Town Hall need increases in pay in order to exist today, but not to the tune of practically \$50,000.

The Selectmen have approved a \$1240 increase in the TM's salary to the figure of \$8000. Are we to continue to pay from our children's 'bellies' the cost of this type of efficiency in our Town Hall?

We now have 2 Town Engineers add an Engineering Dept. calling for an expenditure of \$10,000 in 1956. This Dept. will cost you about 70 cents on every \$1000 of valuation on your tax rate. When we hire people to work we expect them to perform services many times the dollar value of their cost. In Wilmington will we get \$30,000, \$20,000, or even \$10,000 worth of service from this department?

I believe that if a Town official uses his own auto for town purposes he should receive compensation. In Wilmington the 'efficient system' seems to have broken down, for these officials submit their mileage statements on the 'honor system' and it costs the taxpayers about a \$1. on the tax rate.

The Industrial Account in the TM's budget calls for \$2025 to aid in attracting new business with a \$70 plus tax rate?

Are the ProTMs trying to make Wilmington into a Winchester or some other swanky suburb? The income of the average family will never allow it! Let's come to our senses and realize and for 1956 about 55% of our tax money will go for our schools. This amount must go even higher as we build new schools and equip them. We have 30 teachers in Wilmington who receive in annual wages, \$3000. or less. How can we expect these teachers to exist at less than laborers pay! The TM has indicated he will fight against the School Committee proposal to pay Dependency Allowances for married teachers with children. At the same time his budget is full of 'raises in pay' for his top appointed men. Those at the top go higher rapidly and the remainder are forgotten.

How long must we continue to 'pay through the nose' for things in which we have so little control? We can never modify the present charter to correct the ever so many abuses of our rights. I say vote YES on Question ONE, March 3rd.

The Town of Ipswich confronted with a "Dictator" Town Charter voted it out. To-day they have the Selectmen-Executive Secretary form of government. Today they have some control and rights.

I realize that the proponents of the present charter are just as rabid as those against it. Since we all have to live together, why can't a compromise be worked out? I feel very sure that the majority of the voters will vote to eliminate the present system of town government. We will then have a year-to-decide on the future.

NOTICE BOARD OF HEALTH POLIO IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM



The Wilmington Board of Health is planning the inoculation of all pre-school and school children, against polio. With the help of the Wilmington Public Schools, cards 'consent slips' will be sent to every Wilmington home with children. These cards should be filled out by the parents, and returned to the School Department or the Board of Health, on or before March 15, 1956.

In the event that such consent slips are not received in any home with children, the parents are advised that they may be obtained in the Town Hall, from Patrick Thibau, Agent of the Board of Health (OL 8-3311) or Miss Ann Butters, Nurse, (OL 8-2211). The cards may be obtained in person, or by calling on telephone.

Expectant mothers desiring to receive inoculation must indicate their request through their physician.

If the parent or expectant mother elects to have the vaccine given by a private physician the form should be sent to their physician.

The Board of Health further advises that the polio inoculation is contingent upon the receipt of vaccine from the State Department of Health. Further notice will be given, in order that interested parties may be properly advised.

Francis J. Hagerty, Chmn.
Board of Health

BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, Mar. 8, 1956 at 8:00 pm on the request of Ventura Canelas of McDonald Road for the right to operate a dump on his property for the purpose of land reclamation.

Walter L. Hale Jr. Secy.
Board of Appeals

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, Mar. 8, 1956 at 8:30 pm on the request of Donald E Kirby of Suncrest Ave., for permission to divide a piece of property at the corner of Wildwood and Woburn Streets with less than the required frontage.

Walter L. Hale Jr. Sec
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The Ghost of Patrick Henry

Dear Patrick: Because this is the last issue before the election, we will not comment on your letter, as such comment would not be fair to you. We have received a letter from another reader, which we publish below, a letter presumably written as a result of your earlier letters.

Ed.

Letter to the Editor:

The Ghost of Patrick Henry, like all ghosts, deals largely in half-truths and forecasts of doom, while studiously avoiding facts and figures. His purpose is to influence people through fear rather than education. I believe that, if you give people the facts, they will generally make the right decision and that you don't have to scare them into it. Therefore for the benefit of those unlike the old fellow who said "Don't confuse me with facts, my mind is made up", here are a few facts on the manager plan.

The most important issue is whether or not the manager plan is democratic, for if it is NOT democratic, I for one want nothing to do with it. Let's start off with a definition of "Democracy".

"Democracy. Government by the people; government in which the supreme power is retained by the people and exercised either directly (absolute, or pure, democracy), or indirectly (representative democracy) through a system of representation."

We note that Webster's Dictionary from which the definition is quoted distinguishes between two types of democracy; pure and representative. If we think a bit, we realize that pure democracy is practically unknown in this country, except for the New England Town Meeting.

By and large our national, state and local government are representative forms of democracy.

Our founding fathers realized long ago that pure democracy was impractical for all except the smallest communities.

They therefore introduced the idea of a representative democracy which, while retaining the ultimate power in the hands of the people, is practical at all government levels. If we now look at the town manager plan we see that, it is basically and fundamentally democratic, the difference is in the number of Administrators, only one under the manager plan and many under other plans. The ultimate authority still rests in the hands of the people, who exercise it through the town meeting and through the policy decisions of their elected representatives, the selectmen. The fact that the selectmen appoint a manager to run things in no way relieves them of responsibility; they are and remain responsible to the people for the way the town manager operates the town and in fact have the authority to fire him for not doing a good job. Furthermore, the town manager system, or as it is sometimes called the "short ballot" system, is in a sense even more democratic than when all offices, administrative and policy making, are elected directly. This comes about because a voter faced with a list of 20-30 candidates frequently knows little or nothing about the political convictions or abilities of all those he elects and relies on chance to choose his leaders. The situation is much better with the manager system, since the voter is presented with a much shorter list of candidates and is able to learn more about their abilities and policies. He can thus exercise his vote more intelligently for officials who most nearly represent his political attitudes. Another aspect of the town manager system which tends to make it democratic, is its very efficiency and simplicity. An efficiency government responds quickly to the wishes of the people, while our experience with complex political machines shows that a wasteful and inefficient government wrapped in red tape can sometimes do more to defeat the wishes of the people than outright defiance, lawlessness, or plain lack of cooperation by political bosses.

Another bone of contention is the town manager's right to appoint. Not only is the manager

himself appointed, but he in turn is able to appoint department heads, committee heads, etc., and since he is not an elected official, his appointments are based on merit rather than on the vote getting ability of the appointee. This aspect of the manager's job frequently arouses considerable antagonism and ill will, particularly from some of the former office holders with a taste for politics who would be the likely nominees for public boards and committees. The manager may feel that so that persons with special skills and training, but without political ambitions can approach the specialized problems of a growing town in a more modern and efficient way.

The arguments for a town manager-selectmen system can be summarized in one sentence: Policy-making officials should be elected, administrative officials appointed, both should be responsible directly or indirectly to the

voters

Finally, our ghost has stated that the town manager system is used only in "a few" communities like Wilmington. He has clearly implied that it is a totalitarian system and that if we vote for it, we are "putting our great American rights on the chopping block". If he really believes all this, I feel duty bound to point out a few additional figures:

1. Over 1/4 of all towns and cities of over 10,000 population in the U.S.A. now use the manager plan.
2. Four out of five cities adopting new charters choose the manager plan.
3. Over 23,000,000 Americans live under this system.
4. If the trend continues, by 1960 the town manager system will be the predominant system in the U.S.A.

If it is really so-un-American, someone had better tip off the F.B.I. before it is too late

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON



INVITES BIDS

For constructing pumping station in the Town of Wilmington Mass. The office copy of the contract for the work can be seen and the contract documents with bid forms to be used can be obtained at the

office of Whitman & Howard, Engineers, 89 Broad Street, Boston, Mass., upon the deposit payment of \$10.00. Said deposit will be refunded if such documents are returned in good condition at or before the time for opening bids.

The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an envelope addressed to the Town Manager, Wilmington, Mass., endorsed with the name and address of the bidder and "Bid for Constructing Pumping Station, etc." and submitted to the Town Manager, Town Hall, Church Street, Wilmington, Mass., with cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check in the amount of \$600.00, payable to the Town of Wilmington, Mass., before 8:30 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time, Thursday, March 15, 1956; said cash or check to be the property of said Town if the bidder fails to execute the contract and furnish a performance bond and also a labor and materials or payment bond with surety satisfactory to the Town as set forth in "Information for Bidders", contained in the contract documents, within five (5) days, Sundays and holidays excluded, after notice has been mailed to him that the contract has been awarded to him.

Bids filled out and left with cash or check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read; and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it be in the public interest to do so.

Attention is called to the fact that minimum wage rates are established for the project as set forth in the contract documents.

The bidder shall start work under this contract within seven (7) calendar days after its acceptance by the Town Manager.

The bidding procedure and award of contract will be as provided for by Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1954. No sub-bid in connection with building pumping station is estimated to exceed \$1000.00.

No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days of the opening of bids.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASS.
By its Town Manager
Joseph F. Courtney

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EAST BRANCH RUMMAGE SALE

The East Branch of the LBS of the Congregational Church will hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th, in the Reading Legion Hall. On Friday the sale will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 to 11:30. Donations of clothes, dishes, etc. will be gladly accepted, and may be left at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Babcock, Woburn Street.

MINSTREL SHOW REHEARSALS

Beginning tonight and every Thursday night following until the month of April, Cub Packs 56 and 59 are holding rehearsals for their minstrel show at the Methodist Church at seven o'clock. Notice will be given of the show's date of performance.

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sals for their minstrel show at the Methodist Church at seven o'clock. Notice will be given of the show's date of performance.

30TH GRANDCHILD TO THE WICKS FAMILY

The 30th grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wicks of Parker Street, was born on February 24th, in the Biddeford Maine Hospital, Stephen William Welch, the son of William and Bonnie (Wicks) Welch of Kennebunkport, Maine.

INJURIES TO TWO REPORTED LIGHT, IN MIDDLESEX AVENUE ACCIDENT

Two young ladies who bystanders thought were seriously injured in a Sunday morning accident are reported to have suffered only slight injuries, according to the latest advice Frances P Karol, 1164 Middlesex Street Lowell, and Carol Powers, Concord Road, Billerica were taken to the St Johns Hospital in Lowell by the Fire Department ambulance. The car in which they were riding struck a tree, after a skid, on Middlesex Avenue, near the home of Mrs. Annie Gallagher.

The accident occurred about 7:50 am Feb. 26th. Melting snow during the previous evening had caused water to flow across the street where it had subsequently frozen.

DIAMOND RING REPORTED LOST

A diamond ring is reported to have been lost, on Feb. 25th by Mrs. Morris Modelle, Salem St. North Wilmington. She believes she lost it between Stevens Market and her home.

TOWN NOTES

Our New Mail Box

Wilmington Square has blossomed out with a brightly colored mailbox, new at least to Wilmington. It was put there Friday, in front of the post-office, and now has a bright mazon top, apparently to attract customers. Instead of being a brand-new box it is an old one, that was repainted in Lowell, and sent down here to Wilmington. It is so old in fact, that postmaster Henry Porter had to go digging into the past to find a lock to fit it.

He had the lock--one that was last used in the days when Milton Holt (Civil War Veteran), was postmaster. To Henry's knowledge, that lock was last used in 1916.

Resplendent Mailmen

It isn't only the mail boxes which are to appear in resplendent colors, for we understand that our city delivery mailmen are due to have new uniforms in a few more months. According to all accounts the United States marines are due to throw a fit of jealousy, when the new uniforms appear, for they are to be maroon and brown.

If we really want the marines to bite their fingernails we should go a step farther, and provide decorations for the men who make the appointed rounds. As a starter we can suggest stars, to be worn as medals, above the left breast pocket--a blue star, for instance, can signify one dog bite, a red star for five bites, and a nice shiny silver star for the real veteran with ten bites to his credit.

More Cars

Just as an interesting note, there were 476 more Excise Cards, which passed through the hands of the Wilmington Assessor's in 1955 than in 1954. Each card represents a car owned in Wilmington. In 1954 there were 3901 cards, and in 1955 there were 4377. Of course this doesn't represent the final total, in numbers of cars for either year, because there is duplication, in that if a person trades in a car, or otherwise buys and sells during the year, there will be one excise card for each and every car he

High School Basketball

It would seem that the girls are better than the boys, in Wilmington High School, as far as basketball is concerned, this year. The girls at least, have won some games, including a defeat of Tewksbury's girls, the only defeat that that team has had.

We aren't necessarily dis-

paraging the boys' team, for they haven't had a decent chance to practice yet. Only one session a week is all they have for practice. The new high school gym, as nearly everyone knows, has been minus the all important baskets, up to this point.

We are told that the baskets are finally in position, and that they are seeing plenty of use.

Incidentally, the Wilmington Recreation Department has announced that the basketball practice, scheduled for Saturday afternoon, will go on as usual, in spite of the election taking part in the High School Cafeteria. The election won't bother the basketball, and the basketball won't bother the election, we are assured.

Coat Racks

The Maintenance Department, in charge of 'Tony' Thiel, should get a great big assist from the voters, when the annual Town meeting is held in the high school auditorium, a week from Saturday. Tony and his helpers have made six coat racks, each of which will hold 80 overcoats, just for the use of the voters.

They need some coat-hangers, though, in fact they figure they need 480 of them. They are wondering if some fond mamas and papas will send wire coat-hangers to them, by means of the children, so that the coat racks can really be used, come Town meeting.

Free Dinner on the Sup.

The Misses Freida and Evelyn Shepard had a free dinner, on the Superintendent of Schools, during the vacation week. It was a total surprise, too.

The two young ladies, both of whom are High School students, and who live on Chestnut Street, were on their way to Washington D.C., with their parents for the vacation week.

On the same train was John J. Collins, Superintendent of Schools, on his way to attend the convention of School Superintendents, in Atlantic City So---he treated them to lunch.

Commercial Department

It seems that we have plenty of notes on our High School this week. This one concerns our Commercial Department, which has a very good reputation, and might be entitled 'The Reason Why'.

Mrs. George Webber, the head of the Commercial Department spent part of her vacation week in Boston, just checking in various business establishments as to the latest in business methods and equipment. She just wanted to be certain that Wilmington High School isn't missing any bets, when it comes to teaching the youngsters the latest business methods.

Sunday School Teacher

Lt. Governor Whittier, who is to speak at the Methodist Church Communion Breakfast Sunday morning will be speaking to one of his former Sunday School pupils.

The Rev. Richard Harding, minister of the church, while he was a youngster, studied in a Sunday School conducted by Whittier, in the city of Everett.

Historical Society

For more years than we have wanted to remember we have wanted to have an historical society, in this town. We weren't alone, but no one ever seems to find the time.

We bring up the subject because of the death of Miss Olivia Norcross, a member of one of our oldest families, (Gowing), and a person who was keenly interested in the history of our town.

Some time ago at the time of the death of Ernest Currier an effort was made to make a donation in his name, for the founding of such a society, with the town Trustee of Trust Funds to keep the money. The effort was unsuccessful, because the Town Council found it necessary to rule that such a fund could not be accepted by the town.

With the death of Miss Norcross, there was again a feeling that something should be done, and this time three of our citizens have been named Trustees of a fund, which will be kept, for an historical society if and when we get around to having one. The money will be deposited in the local bank, so that if anyone else ever feels like making a donation he just has to go down and see Joe McMahon.

Maybe now something will happen--at least we hope so.

UNION SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED AT WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors in Wilmington High School are eligible for scholarships, offered by the Massachusetts Federation of Labor according to information which was received this week.

Two five hundred dollar scholarships, plus 'area' awards will be given to seniors of the public, private or parochial schools in Massachusetts, as a result of competitive examination. The competitive examinations will be on 'History of the Labor Movement' and will be given in the high schools of the contestants, on May 3, 1956.

Entries must be made through the principal of the high school, and must be filed with the Massachusetts Federation of Labor no later than April 25, 1956.

KEEP WILMINGTON MOVING AHEAD RE - ELECT SELECTMAN

JOSEPH H. WOODS X

Record of Service

Elected Selectman in 1951
Re-elected Selectman in 1953
Chairman, Board of Selectman in 1954

Past Commander, American Legion Post 136
Past District Commander, District 5, American Legion.
Past President American Legion Clubhouse Inc. (1935-1955)

Past President, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, General Lodge 71
Member, Protective Committee, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, General Lodge 71

Resident of the Town of Wilmington since 1925

Father of 10 children - all of whom attended Wilmington Schools

As a Selectman, Joe Woods (1) is a proven supporter of the Town Manager Plan; (2) has fought for fair assessments -equal treatment for every homeowner; (3) has supported every effort to bring decent industry to Wilmington; (4) has helped to provide a decent wage for every Town employee; (5) encouraged long-range financial and physical planning that has resulted in Better Schools, Police and Fire Protection, Highways, etc.

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**For Selectman 3 years -
VOTE**

JOSEPH H. WOODS X

**For School Committee
Re-Elect**

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LIVELY HEARING BEFORE BOARD OF APPEALS

Attorney Timothy Kane, of Middlesex Avenue, representing Percy G. Crocker, of Boston, and Robert Moran of Wilmington found plenty of interested parties, at the Board of Appeals hearing last Thursday evening. The Board of Appeals was hearing a petition for the right to remove gravel out of town, from the Crocker Moran property in South Wilmington. Present as spectators were four of the five members of the Board of Selectmen, Charles Black, Nicholas DeFelice, Mrs. Wavie Drew and Joseph H. Woods the Building Inspector Ernest H. Rice, and three owners of abutting property, Millard Pipes, Tom Galvin and James Montague.

The hearing went into an overtime session, chiefly because of the discussions between the abutters and Kane. The principal points of contention were property lines, and the removal of gravel from Moran's property, which covers an extensive area in South Wilmington.

Kane told the Board of Appeals that an engineering firm had been at work for several months, surveying the property and preparing papers for the Land Court, in order that the land may be registered. The work is not finished, but should be in a few more weeks. He also stated that there are several prospective purchasers of part of the land, who will not buy until it has been processed through the land court.

Walter L. Hale, Jr., Secretary of the Board, objected sharply to the night work that had been going on, on the property, --removal of gravel, to out of town areas, and pointed to Section 17, of the gravel regulations promulgated by the Board of Selectmen. Kane told Hale that no more night work would be done.

The Board made no decision, indicating that they would first consult with the Town Counsel.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 137 RECEIVES TROOP FLAG

The Wilmington Lions Club presented Girl Scout Troop 137 of the Wilmington Methodist Church, with its troop flag on Monday February 27th. The Reverend Richard Harding, institutional representative, received the flag on behalf of the troop. Mr. Harding then presented the flag to the Girl Scout leaders, Mrs. William Crane and Mrs. Virginia Blakelee.



Through the eyes of his wife Mildred, left, Wayne Moody will see his new congregation

BLIND MINISTER TO BE INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER AT METHODIST CHURCH "LIFE ENRICHMENT MISSION"

The Rev. Wayne S. Moody, pastor of the Methodist Church in Shelburne Falls, Mass. will be the inspirational speaker for the 'Life Enrichment Mission' to be held at the Wilmington Methodist Church, Sunday evening, March 4th, and continuing through Wednesday evening March 7th. All services will begin promptly at 7:45 with a hymn sing.

Wayne who is 32 years old, was born in Lynn, and because of poor eye sight, and finally the loss of sight at the age of 17 attended and graduated from Perkins Institute for the Blind. He went to Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky for his college work and graduated magna cum laude, the highest scholastic record in 10 years at the school, in 1952. While at Union, Wayne was married to Mildred Keyzer also of Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody then came to Boston University for seminary. He graduated in 1953 with another honor of magna cum laude, the highest student in his graduating class. He was chosen by his classmates to represent them at the Methodist Social Union Banquet last spring. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam followed him to the rostrum that evening and said, 'Young man, I don't know where you will go when you graduate in June, but I am certain that you'll never preach a more moving sermon than the one you've just delivered.'

Special music is being arranged for these services. On March 4th, Elmer Dickey, winner of the Marion Anderson award given in Philadelphia last year and a senior at Bos-

ton University school of Music will be the guest soloist. A very cordial invitation is extended to the people of Wilmington to share in these services.

VFW AUXILIARY FOOD SALE SATURDAY

The ladies of the Nee-Ellsworth Post 2458, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will hold a food sale, in front of the Country Style Donut Shop, on Main Street, starting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. For transportation of donations please call Mrs. Philip Kearney, OL 8-3720 or Mrs. Fred Kleynan, OL 8-2501.

BOY SCOUT PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY

Boy Scouts of Troop 58 are to conduct a paper drive, Saturday, for the benefit of their camping fund. To have papers cardboard or rags collected please call OL 8-2813.

CAFETERIA MENUS WEEK OF MARCH 5TH

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TUESDAY: Baked Macaroni and Cheese with Tomatoes, Cold Cuts, Buttered Green Beans, Bread & Butter, Ice Cream, Milk

WEDNESDAY: Baked Honey Ham Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Whole kernel Corn, Bread & Butter, Butterscotch Nut pudding Milk

THURSDAY: Ravioli, Cabbage Raisin Salad, poppyseed Rolls & Butter, jello, Milk

FRIDAY: Breaded perchies, Tartare Sauce, Mashed Brown Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Dark Bread & Butter, Grapefruit Sections, Milk

NEW BIDS CALLED FOR IN CONSTRUCTION OF PUMPING STATION

New bids have been called for in the construction of the house at the Barrows Field pumping station in North Wilmington.

The bids of four firms were opened, last Thursday evening in the Town Hall. Overlooked was the bid of a fifth firm. Town Manager Joseph Courtney explained that the bid had been received before the deadline, and placed in his office by a clerk. At the time for the opening of bids it was overlooked.

Bids were opened for the James Construction Company, Inc., of Brookline \$17,600, with \$400 for additional features; Conti and Donahue of West Lynn, \$16,959, with \$300 for additional features; The Beaver Corp. of Melrose, \$19,812, and \$494 for additional features.

and the Arthur J. Williams Company of Lexington, \$15,900, with \$300 for additional features.

INFORMAL OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT FOR ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Wilmington Evening Practical Arts School will have an informal open house, this evening, in the High School. Garland Whittredge, the principal of the school, is announcing the open house, has stated that the purpose is to acquaint the people of Wil-

mington with the work of the school, but in an informal manner. Classes will continue during the open house, so that visitors may see just how they are conducted.

The open house will begin at 7:30 and close at 9:30.

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going up and up and there is no doubt about it, -if, we the voters approve of the spending program printed in the Town Warrant. I Sincerely trust that every voter reads this warrant printed in your last weeks paper. It is certainly enlightening and believe me it will prove very expensive to the property owners if approved by the voters at Town meeting.

Relative to your Selectmen's meeting column of last week, it certainly is a Jim Dandy--more especially Selectman Bliss's statement-The Honorable Board was most sympathetic with Mr. McKelvey's constructive rezoning request of Dec 19th, but Mr. Bliss states an oversight was made in making up the warrant-but we, meaning he and the members of the board, did not commit themselves definitely, however, if Mr. McKelvey was not satisfied or desired justice on this important matter. He can, with their permission, humbly request action at some future Town Meeting. I am amazed at this boards flagrant carelessness invends, evasion and absolute flagrant false statement on the matter. Believe me, I disagree with them.

The rezoning of my property would have cost the town nothing. The Town Manager and full Board admitted that it was a mistake to take my district out of a heavy industrial zone and place it into a preferred residential district. This blunder has already cost the Taxpayers money for I had a large Industrial plant ready to locate here which would have cut down taxes on our homes and give steady employment.

Harold McKelvey has always fought for bringing industry and business into Wilmington, to cut down the taxes and give our people work.

I was Chairman of Wilmington Federal, State and Industrial Committee under the old three-man Selectman Board. I did a fine job and was publicly acclaimed at a special Town meeting reception for my efforts and concrete reports and results. past Selectman Cavanaugh and Lyons can vouch for this statement of absolute honest fact. I started the Towns Industrial development and the honest people of the town know it and appreciate what I did for them--others have since tried to take the credit away from me to help themselves, however, the truth comes out in the open after awhile and one receives justice. 'In God We Trust'.

our Industrial expansion has bogged down into a stagnant position during the past two years. We the people, must do something about it and now, if we are to survive this spending most expensive and expensive Town Manager Government.

I am practical and have repeatedly warned the people through the press of our serious

predicament, of higher taxes and higher property valuations which can bankrupt our town and everyone in it. How long can we go on spending? Robbing Peter to pay Paul Borrowing money against what we haven't got--creating more debt dollars interest on interest. We are mortgaging the very life blood of our children and theirs unborn.

We are about to vote, and everyone should vote--It's our sacred duty. please vote.

Remember the Boston Tea party when the good old Americans arose and said 'Taxation without representation is Tyranny' and the Words of patrick Henry heard all over the world, 'Give me Liberty or give me Death'. I reverently ask every citizen of the Town to vote at Town Election and to attend our Town Meeting and voice their opinion. Cut down this dangerous spending and fight for the rights of themselves and their children, given to us by our forefathers and the United States Constitution.

Faithfully yours,
Harold William McKelvey

To the Editor:

The Baldwin Civic feels that it should correct and place in context an improper and inaccurate quotation attributed to the Town Manager at a recent meeting of the organization.

Mr. Courtney was asked the following question by one of the members--

'What actual change will take place in the form of government if the Town manager plan is revoked?' His reply was substantially as follows: 'If the Town manager plan is rescinded by the voters, the Town will revert to the form of government in effect prior to 1951--namely, that most Boards and Commissions will be elected, and most important, that several administrative officers such as the Collector of Taxes and the Assessors will be chosen by election.'

'It is my considered judgement that popular election is the poorest possible method of selecting such administrative officers. As the term 'popular elections' implies it will be chosen on the basis of popularity rather than on competence and impersonal and thereby often unpopular devotion to duty.'

'By the very nature of their assignment, those who have the responsibility of fairly and impartially asseesing and collecting taxes, are unlikely to be popular.'

'In Wilmington or in any other community, winning an election means that someone has won a popularity contest, -that the successful candidate is either better known, better liked, or more highly respected than his opponents. By this I do not mean to slight or slur any of our elected officials. our Selectmen and School Committee are, and should be chosen by election to represent the popular will, for they are the chief policy-making officials. But an election does not necessarily decide a question of administrative competence and ability.'

The Association feels that the above statement is substantially different both in meaning and tone from the statement loosely attributed to the Town Manager that 'Today in Wilmington, when somebody is elected to office that somebody has just won a popularity contest.'

We regret that no official reporter from the Town Crier was present, and as a result you had to rely on second hand reports for your information.

Very Truly Yours
Frank Bishop, Chmn.
Baldwin Civic Assn Inc.
(The Town Crier reporter regrets that he cannot be in five places at one time. Ed)

TOWN COMMITTEES FILE LIST OF CANDIDATES

The Wilmington Democratic and Republican Town Committees have filed their lists of candidates for election to their committees for the next four years. The lists, filed with Town Clerk Mary Gilligan, will appear on the ballots at the time of the Presidential Primaries on April 24th.

Nominated on the Democratic ballot are Michael A Gatta and Rose Gatta, Cedar Street; John J. Davis and Dorothy Davis, 137 Grove Avenue; Robert R. Cross, 13 Beacon street; Eleanor F. Grimes and Mary A. Grimes, 5 Columbia Street; Harold W. McKelvey and Myrtle O. McKelvey, Border Avenue; and Joseph Leo Berrett, Warren Road.

Nominated on the Republican ballot are Charles Allgrove, Woburn Street; Charles H. Black Church Street; George S. Cushing, Brand Avenue; Mrs. watie Drew, West Street; John Evans Ballardvale Street; Ruth M. Kitchener, Aldrich Road; Guilio Motroni, Butters Row; Augustus T Norton Jr, Wildwood Street; Ralph B Odiome, Lowell Street; Millard C Pipes, Chestnut St.; Maude W Richardson, Woburn St. Flora M Kasabuski, Laite Rd., Bert Sell, Oakwood Road, Erenst Ardolino, Broad St., Mary E Murphy, Ballardvale St., Donald C Kidder, Longview Road, E Haywood Bliss, Glen Rd., John G Hayward, Middlesex Ave., Paul Godzyk, Parker St., Virginia C Ericksen, Woburn St., John J Savko, Lawrence St., Lewis L Kleynan, Forest St., Melvin Cassidy, Burhop St., and Eleanor S Poloian, Andover St.

ONE HUNDRED & SIXTY MEN TO HEAR LT. GOVERNOR SPEAK AT METHODIST MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST MARCH 4TH

On Sunday, March 4th, one hundred and sixty men of the Methodist Church and the community of Wilmington will attend a communion breakfast,

sponsored by the Men's Club of the church.

The Communion Service will begin promptly at 7 a.m. with the breakfast beginning at 7:30. The Lt. Governor will speak after the breakfast.

The committee in charge of reservations, William Russell, Jack Randall, David Trickett and Charles Sicard have said that all of the tickets for the breakfast have been sold, and appreciate the fine support given by the men.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS MEET

The Young Republican Club of Wilmington has changed their meeting night to the second Monday of each month, in the VFW hall, on Main Street

In the last meeting, on Feb. 13th, the club heard Mike Tomyl, of Billerica State Advisor and Representative Frank Tanner, of Reading. Representative Tanner spoke on the importance of the two-party system, and mentioned significantly that Russia has but one party.

Named to the program committee, by the club, was Harold Hall, 727 Woburn Street, James Poloian, 214 Andover Street, and Frederick Horton, 35 Glen Road. Named to the membership Committee were Edward Spinney, Lawrence Street; Mrs. James Poloian, Andover Street, John Bell, Forest Street and Brownell Malone, Jr., 1 Glendale Circle.

POTS AND PANS CLUB

The Pots and Pans Club, composed of eight girls, and formed last November, met at the home of Barbara Nims on Monday February 13th, at 3:30 p.m. After the 4-H group had their business meeting, Catherine Bousefield and Sandra Bertrand made a loaf of brown bread. While this was baking, all the girls worked on their notebooks. The brown bread done, each girl sampled it and all agreed that it was very tasty and complimented the cooks. The meeting closed at 5 p.m.

NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Walker C. Spring (Ann Branscombe) announce the birth of their first child, a son, David Walker, who was born on Sunday, February 19th at the Choate Memorial Hospital in Woburn and who weighed seven pounds and four and one half ounces. The baby was born on his grandmother's birthday, the late Irene Branscombe. His father has not made his acquaintance as yet as he is serving his country in Korea and will not be home until next February. Mrs. Spring is making her home with her father, Mr. Elmer R. Branscombe, at 298 Main Street.

VFW NOVELTY PARTY MARCH 7TH

The VFW Auxiliary will conduct a novelty party, at Post Headquarters, on Main Street, at 8 p.m. March 7th. Mrs. William Simmons will be in charge.

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INJUNCTIONS ISSUED

(From Fr. Page)

drawn as a juror, to serve in Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge, starting April 1st and the names of Charles Allgrove and Mrs. Dorothy Babcock, both of Woburn Street were drawn for jury service in the Lowell session of the Superior Court.

Licenses

A State pedlar's License, to Fred Kleynan, Harris Street, was approved, and another license, asking for a permit to remove rubbish, ashes, etc., from cellars and attics was tabled, and will probably be referred to the Board of Health.

Route 28

TM Courtney spoke of current misunderstandings, in Wilmington, as to his and the Selectmen's position, regarding the route for Route 28. He stated that he plans to issue a public statement, and thought that they may wish to be included. His only objections to the presently proposed route were purely on a technical basis, that is that the Board of Health and the Water Commissioners felt that it was too close to the major well field at Brown's crossing. The Board of Health had consulted the State Department of Public Health, and an engineer had been out Monday for a preliminary survey. The Water Commissioner's objections were being studied by the firm of Whitman & Howard.

Selectman E. Hayward Bliss spoke up to say that as far as he was concerned, the only objection, if any was technical, based on the well fields, and that he felt that the Selectmen preferred the Easterly (new) route.

Charter Change

A notice was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Edward J. Cronin, saying that the Legislature, on Feb. 14th, had voted the proposed change in the Town Charter, as Chapter 100, of the Acts of 1956. Under the change, the Town Manager is no longer able to make transfers of money, without the written approval of the Finance Board. The law was signed by Sumner G. Whittier, Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor on Feb. 20th.

Street Lights

Mr. DeFelice spoke of street lights, on Main Street, saying that he had had a telephone call because there was nothing in the Warrant about them. Bliss reminded the board that street lights had already been voted, for this area, and the discussion ended with an expression by the TM that "perhaps what is meant is stronger lights?"

Plowing

DeFelice then asked about the responsibility of plowing side walks on Main Street. Courtney told him that the state has the responsibility for the maintenance of sidewalks, but that they don't seem to extend it any further. Black: "I have had several calls from people who think the streets aren't being plowed very well."

Courtney explained that under the present system a mixture

of sand and salt is spread on the snow, and no plowing is started until the snow is at least three inches deep. The sand and salt keeps the snow melting, so that it doesn't

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freeze hard and make a rough and make a slippery surface, the TM said. The net result was that Wilmington's streets were clear of ice before those of other places.

Mrs. Drew: Three inches of snow is too long to wait, before you begin plowing.

Route 129

The TM finished the meeting with a report that all of the town's work, relative to posting speed signs on Lowell Street, had been completed, and it was now up to the state to complete its part. Later, he added, he hoped to have other principal streets in the town similarly posted.

FRANCIS E. KELLY

Francis E. Kelly, age 27 years passed away suddenly Saturday, Feb. 18th. The deceased was in apparently good health and his sudden death was unexpected by the family group. He was educated in Wilmington Schools and for the past ten years was employed at the H. L. Rose Plumbing and Heating Contractors of Cambridge. He was a member of the Plumbing Union Local No. 12 of Boston.

He is the son of Michael H. and Rose (McKenna) Kelly of 10 Fourth Road, Woburn. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Rose Sargent, Billerica, Mrs. Helen Twohig of Rhode Island; four brothers, Henry Kelly of Wilmington, Raymond Kelly of Woburn, Robert Ellis of Dorchester and Joseph Ellis of Wakefield.

Funeral was held from the McLaughlin Funeral Home, 54 Pleasant Street, Woburn, February 21st, at 8:00 a. m. followed by a High Mass of Requiem at St. Anthony's Church, North Woburn. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery, Woburn.

THE WILMINGTON TOWN BOWLING LEAGUE

The Wilmington Town Bowling League met Tues. night for their 23rd match of the season and without any change in the teams standings. All teams held their same spot as the three leading teams took three points from their opponents. 1st place Bennys Radio took 3 from the 7th place North End. The Dodgers in 2nd place took 3 from the 4th place Boosters, the 3rd place Knickerbockers took 3 from the West End boys and believe it or not the 8th place Buck Bros. took a split from the 5th place Spoilers. This gave the Buck boys their 6th and 7th point of the season and gave the boys a little hope for the remaining weeks of the season.

All the high averages remained the same for the 13th consecutive week with only five more matches to go. Next week will find Bennys Radio vs the Spoilers, the Dodgers vs the Knickerbockers, North End vs the Boosters and Buck Bros. vs the West End.

Last Thursday night a meeting for all team captains and officers was held and final plans for the annual banquet were made. The banquet will take place on Saturday night April 7th, at Hayes Steak House in Billerica and a very pleasant evening is planned for all who attend.

Ten High Averages

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| S. Riley | 103.20 |
| W. Brown | 100.44 |
| B. Anderson | 100.10 |
| A. MacMullin | 99.60 |
| A. Blanchette | 99.44 |
| E. Harrison | 99.7 |
| B. Rankin | 99 |
| F. Turner | 98.33 |
| F. Parkins | 98.29 |
| L. Kleynen Sr. | 98.1 |

ROD AND GUN CLUB NOTES

During the past two months, the Rod and Gun Club met at three different occasions.

A complete reorganization of the club has taken place with the election of new officers and directors.

President Al Shay sounded the gavel and promptly started the February monthly meeting at 8 o'clock in the V.F.W. Hall. A fairly good showing of members, in spite of the inclement weather, were present to discuss amending of the present by-laws, reopening of

the Sunday skeet shoots, and acceptance of new members.

It was brought to the floor and passed that new membership cards, buttons and brassards be obtained. Money was appropriated for the purchase of a self-angling skeet trap and ammunition. The meeting was

adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attention all members: The regular monthly meeting of March (14) will concern the acceptance of amended by-laws and many important items. All members are requested to be present because of the essence of this meeting.

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COMING EVENTS

(Please call OL 8-2973 to list events in this column. No calls accepted after Monday Noon for listing.)

Thursday March 1

- 2:00 Handy Hands-Mrs. Leonard
- 3:15 Girl Scouts-Mrs. Brown
- 3:15 Brownies-Mrs. Siteman
- 3:15 Busy Needles
- 6:30 ME boys basketball
- 7:00 Rehearsal for minstrel show at ME Church
- 8:00 Cong. Church choir rehearsal
- 8:00 ME church choir rehearsal

Friday March 2

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Service for young people at ME Ch.
- 3:15 Girl Scouts-Walker School
- 3:15 Brownies-ME Church Troops 154 and 207
- 7:00 Cong. Junior high Basketball
- 7:00 pack 57 SLBA

Saturday March 3

- Town Election
- 12:30 VFW Auxiliary Food Sale
- 8:00 DAV Aux. Whist party at DAV Hall

Sunday March 4

- 'Christ the King' film at Villanova Hall

Monday March 5

- 2:30 Troop 194 at library
- 3:15 Troop 137 at ME Church
- 3:15 Troop 192 at Wildwood Sc.
- 3:15 Brownies-Mrs. McCabe
- 3:30 Brownies-Mrs. Anderson
- 3:30 Hobby Club
- 3:30 Pots and Pans Club
- 3:30 Girl Scouts-Mrs. Hancock
- 3:45 Girl Scouts-Mrs. Sawyer
- 7:00 Cong. senior high basketball
- 7:30 Business night at Town H.

Tuesday March 6

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Service for young people at Congl Ch
- 3:15 Troop 102-Mrs. Blake
- 3:15 Troop 219-Mrs. Rosa
- 3:15 Brownies-Mrs. DeAvignon
- 3:15 Troop 222-Congl. Church
- 3:15 Troop 232-Congl. Church
- 3:15 Troop 225 at Balch's and Marcy's alternately
- 3:15 Girl Scouts-Mrs. M. Butt
- 3:15 Girl Scouts-Mrs. Lyons
- 3:15 Girl Scouts-Mrs. Slater
- 3:30 Brownies-ME Church
- 7:00 Legion Service officer at Legion Hall

Wednesday March 7

- 11:30 WSCS Devotions-Mrs. Wm. Roberts, Business Meeting
- 12:15 Luncheon-Circle 6
- 1:15 Lenten Service
- 3:15 Troop 106 at Sheehan's
- 3:15 Girl Scouts-Mrs. E. Moore
- 3:15 Brownies-Mrs. O'Hare
- 7:00 Troop 56-Congl. Church
- 7:00 Troop 60-Richard Miller's Hathaway Road
- 7:30 Pilot Group-ME Church
- 8:00 DAV Meeting
- 8:00 VFW Aux. Novelty party

Friday March 9

- East Branch Rummage Sale at Legion Hall in Reading
- 8:00 Beta Chi meeting

Saturday March 10

- Annual Town meeting
- East Branch Rummage Sale at Legion Hall in Reading

Monday March 12

- 7:00 to 9:00 National Service Officer at DAV H. for Counsel Young Republicans Meet EWIA.

Wednesday March 14

- 10:00 a.m. WSCS Lenten Service
- 11:00 Coffee Hour-Circle 6
- 8:00 Green Whist-Villanova H.

Friday March 16

- Circus Priest, Villanova H.
- 8:00 St. Dorothy's Green Whist At Tewksbury Town Hall

Saturday March 17

- 7:00 Dinty Moore Dinner at St. Dorothy's parish Hall
- 8:00 St. Patrick's dance at Villanova Hall

Wednesday March 21

- 10:00 a.m. WSCS Lenten Service
- 11:00 Coffee hour-Circle 1
- 8:00 p.m. DAV meeting

Friday March 22

- 7:30 Open House practical Arts School

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday April 8, 9 and 10

- Villanova Minstrel Show

Thursday April 19

- DAV Banquet



Miss Norma M. LaCreta, whose mother, Mrs. Clotilde M. LaCreta of Wilmington, has announced her engagement to Mr. Anthony R. DeAgazio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. DeAgazio of Belmont. Miss LaCreta, is a graduate of the Bryant and Stratton School of Business. Her fiancé, an Army veteran of World War II, was graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1950. A September wedding is planned.

SAINT PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE

There will be a Saint Patrick's night Dance at Villanova Hall to be held on Saturday, March 17th, at eight o'clock, and will be sponsored by the Holy Name Society jointly with the CYO. Music will be furnished by a well known orchestra with selections that will appeal to both adults and teen-agers.



Andrew Hammond, left, of Wilmington, recently became the first employee of Monsanto Chemical Company to complete 50 years of company service. He is shown being congratulated by Russell L. Miller, manager of Monsanto's Everett plant. Miller presented him with a specially designed service award pin.

EVERETT, Mass., Feb. 20—Andrew Hammond, 13 King Street, Wilmington, on February 6 became the first employee of Monsanto Chemical Company to complete 50 years of company service. Hammond, who is lead man in the machine shop of Monsanto's Everett plant, is one of nine local men recently receiving long-service awards from the company.

THE CIRCUS PRIEST

Ct. St. Thomas of Villanova is sponsoring an interesting movie and lecture by 'Father Ed Sullivan', known also as the National Circus Chaplain, which event will take place immediately after the Lenten Devotions, on Friday evening, March 16th at 8:30 p.m. at Villanova Hall. For the greater part of the evening, Father Sullivan will show some of his films and relate his stories about his many friends, the circus folks, who are forever soliciting his aid, advice, and blessings. Whenever tragedy or troubles disturb these people, the first one called upon is their beloved Chaplain, who immediately does all in his power to console and assist them.

At the age of 14, Father Sullivan spent his summers working at Benson's Wild Animal Farm, in Nashua, N. H. By the time he entered the seminary he was Mr. Benson's Chief Assistant and was well acquainted with hundreds of circus and zoo people. Even after his ordination, he never lost a bit of interest in his friends, animals and owners. For years Father would be seen unofficially visiting any performers, regardless of who or where. In 1940, a national group petitioned Cardinal O'Connell, then Archbishop of Boston, seeking Father Sullivan as their national Chaplain. Permission was granted, and promptly and happily, Fr. Sullivan began his year-round work for Christians under the canvas tents. To call the circus folks 'his family' wouldn't begin to describe his love and zeal for these people. His goal is to befriend and bring the Church to Circusdom; to show the American public a true picture of traveling entertainers that they are definitely not a band of rough and rowdy people. They await his visits for receiving the Sacraments of Baptism for the children, marriages and conversions.

Hammond was given a specially designed gold lapel pin mounted with a large diamond. The special design was necessary because the company's service award system had not anticipated service anniversaries beyond the 45-year mark.

Awards were presented by Russell L. Miller, plant manager. Pins are in the shape of Monsanto's block-M trademark.

When any group of over twenty nationalities can live together harmoniously and without friction, they set an example for this war-torn world to take as an exemplary lesson.

Since Father Sullivan just recently returned from a two month visit with these people he has some brand new films, and, no doubt, plenty of new stories to tell. This show is open to one and all, regardless of their creed, and all are assured of a very pleasant evening. Tickets are available at the Rectory, from Margaret Woods, the Grand Regent, May Quandt and others.

FIRST CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Carlson (the former Sonja Christiansen) announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, who was born in Winchester Hospital on Tuesday, February 21st. Mrs. Carlson lived recently at 48 Andover Street in North Wilmington but now she and her family are residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christiansen at 743 Main Street, Tewksbury. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Carlson of 329 South Street, Reading. The new baby's father completed four years in the Air Force just a month ago.

ELEVEN EIGHTH GRADERS VISIT ESSEX AGGIE

Eleven pupils of the eighth grade were visitors at the Essex Agricultural College, last Friday, as guests of Robert Barrett, and Harland Whitredge, High School teachers, and Allan Hancock, Honor Student in the Junior Class of the College. Warner Allen, Lloyd Albright, Richard Motolo, Paul Meads, Thomas Bickford, William O'Leary, Peter Sciascia, Joseph Colbert, Henry Moriarty, Fred Whitredge and Daniel Gillis spent the entire day inspecting the school, including the laboratories, class rooms, barns, metal, wood, welding and auto-

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motive shops, and the two famous bulls, who have to have their fence constructed of telephone poles.

The boys were guests of Allan Hancock of Dunton Road, who is one of the best students at the college. They are offered an opportunity to study at the college, instead of going to High School. If they choose they can spend the April vacation there, on a 'trial' period of studies, and if they are accepted continue to study there. Should they choose, they can return to Wilmington High School in the fall, without loss of credits.

Warner Allen, interested in blacksmith work, made a ring for himself, on the forge in the blacksmith shop, a ring which turned out to be two inches in diameter.

ADVICE GIVEN BY NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER

On March 12th and every second Monday of the month thereafter, the National Service Officer, James Sayer, and the Service Officer, James Kelley, will be at the Disabled American Veterans Headquarters to discuss any problems that pertain to the Veterans, their widows or dependents from seven to nine o'clock in the evening.

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